DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for a bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) on Little Creek in Washington County and bacteria and benthic TMDLs for Beaver Creek in Washington County and City of Bristol. The Little Creek TMDL was approved by EPA in June 2002 and the Beaver Creek TMDLs were approved in July 2004. TMDL study reports can be found at the DEQ website http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/apptmdls.

?62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an IP for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives.

The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits and environmental impacts.

The first public meeting on the development of the IP for Little Creek and Beaver Creek bacteria TMDLs will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2005, from 7:00 to 9.00 p.m. in the Bristol Chamber of Commerce Board Room, located at 20 Volunteer Parkway in Bristol, VA.

The public comment period will end on October 22, 2005. A fact sheet on the development of an IP

for the Little Creek and Beaver Creek TMDLs is available upon request. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Ms. Theresa Carter, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 252 W. Main Street, Suite 3, Abingdon, Virginia, 24210, telephone (276) 676-5418, Fax (276) 676-5527, or e-mail theresa.carter@dcr.virginia.gov.